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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2008, and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on December 12, 2008. Applicant submits the following response in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this response is a Request for 1-month Extension with the required fee, to extend the period of reply to January 12, 2009. Applicant believes this response places the application in better condition for allowance.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.